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SUBJECT: DANISH AND IRISH PARTICIPATION IN G-10 SUB-COMMITTEE ON
RECYCLING

1. EAMON GALLAGHER, FONOFF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFF-
AIRS, APPROACHED US DECEMBER 13 TO URGE THAT IRISH AND DANES BE
ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN G-10 "WORKING PARTY"(HIS
TERM) ON RECYCLING PETRO-DOLLARS. HE SAID THAT IRISH EMBASSY
MADE SAME REQUEST IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 12.

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2. GALLAGHER HAD TWO BASIC ARGUMENTS:

A. IF SOME EC COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN EFFORT OF THIS KIND, IT IS "DIFFICULT" FOR OTHERS TO BE EXCLUDED. IRELAND HAS REPLIED POSITIVELY TO US PROPOSALS ON OIL PRICES AND WOULD FIND IT AWKWARD TO BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT WHEN OTHER EC PARTNERS ARE INVOLVED.

B. SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR IRELAND SINCE IT IS ABOUT TO ASSUME EC PRESIDENCY AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHAIR MEETINGS ON ENERGY, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS.

GALLAGHER THEN TOLD US THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED AT EC SUMMIT, WHERE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD SAID THEY WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO IRISH AND DANISH PARTICIPATION. (WE ASKED IF HE WAS SAYING THAT PRIME MINISTERS HAD ACTUALLY DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT, AND HE SAID THAT THIS WAS CORRECT.) IN IRISH VIEW, THEREFORE, PROBLEM NOW LIES WITH OTHER FOUR G-10 MEMBERS: SWEDEN, CANADA, JAPAN, AND UNITED STATES. CANADIANS HAVE ALREADY SAID THEY WILL GO ALONG IF AMERICANS RAISE NO OBJECTIONS. SWEDEN HAS LIKEWISE ASSENTED. JAPANESE ARE BEING INSCRUTABLE, AND IRISH THINK THEY ARE WATCHING TO SEE WHAT WASHINGTON DOES. IRISH CONCLUDE THAT US HAS THE FINAL SAY.

3. GALLAGHER NOTED THAT LUXEMBOURG WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUP BUT WAS NOT AS CONCERNED AS IRELAND AND DENMARK.

4. WE REQUESTED ONE CLARIFICATION OF IRISH REQUEST. WERE THEY BASING IT MAINLY ON EC MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL OR WERE THEY SUGGESTING THAT THEY WERE A SPECIAL CASE BECAUSE OF EC PRESIDENCY?

5. GALLAGHER REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT EC PRESIDENCY SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BUT THAT IT WAS NOT REAL BASIS OF IRISH CASE. DUBLIN WAS "SOLIDAIRE" WITH DANES AND WAS NOT SUGGESTING THAT ONLY IRELAND DESERVED AN OBSERVER SEAT.

6. COMMENT: WE THINK IRISH SHOULD HAVE APPROACHED US EARLIER RATHER THAN COMING TO US AT LAST MOMENT WITH ARGUMENT THAT WE WERE THE ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE. NEVERTHELESS, THEY DO APPEAR TO BE TAKING A REAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. THERE WOULD BE SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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